

ARRA/ESEA Update

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An ARRA/ESEA Update will be telecast on NET SAT Channel 105 (State Channel 04) at 10:00 a.m. (Central) on **Wednesday, May 19, 2010**. The telecast will be no more than one hour. For technical assistance contact the NET Help Desk at 800-698-3426. The powerpoint presentation used in the telecast will be posted by Friday morning, May 14th, on the ARRA homepage at: <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/ARRA/index.html> A DVD of the telecast will be sent to all ESUs following the broadcast.

The agenda for this ARRA/ESEA Update includes: ARRA Race To The Top application, Changes in AYP to transition to NeSA-Reading, Closing out the ARRA and NCLB applications for 2009-10.

Comment Period extended on Proposed Science Standards

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The Nebraska Department of Education is seeking your opinion on the proposed State Science Standards. **In an effort to receive more feedback we have extended the comment period to May 21st.** We know this is an extremely busy time of year but we value your thoughts and ideas. Please share this e-mail with whomever you feel is appropriate. Individuals or groups may complete the survey. All comments may be entered through a web survey. If you have already completed this survey please disregard this e-mail and thank you.

A draft of the revised Nebraska Science Standards and the survey are available at www.education.ne.gov/science/documents/StandardsSurveyHomepage.html.

In addition to the draft science standards that state what students should know and be able to do at specific grade levels, the website includes the following:

- A video explaining the design format of the draft science standards.
- A power point that accompanies the explanatory video.
- A link to the survey for comments.

The Nebraska State Board of Education and a committee editing the standards will consider comments submitted through the survey. Final approval of the revised science standards is tentatively scheduled for this fall.

NCLB HOUSSE

Contact Pat Madsen, 402-471-4863 or pat.madsen@nebraska.gov

The 2009-2010 NCLB Non Qualified Staff Report is open and available for your review in the Portal, NSSRS Student and Staff tab, under NSSRS Validation. This is a Verification Report titled "NCLB Non Qualified." **This report replaces the NCLB Not Qualified paper report districts received in September, which will no longer be mailed out by NDE.** Please take this opportunity to correct any staff assignment errors in NSSRS, and check that your district's information is correct (i.e. HOUSSE approvals, EECIA testing, etc.). Changes made for NCLB purposes might also impact district status related to Rule 10 Approval and Accreditation, please be mindful of that as you make corrections. **Corrections to the Curriculum report must be completed by May 28, 2010.**

NCLB Qualified Information and Instructions is available at:

<http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/nclbqualifiedteachers.htm>

HOUSSE applications may be submitted now through June 30, 2010 to impact 2009-2010 data.

NeSA Student Subgroup Corrections & NSSRS

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Subgroups for NeSA-Reading and NeSA-Writing will be determined based on the NSSRS Student template submitted during the NSSRS Year-end collection, which closes June 30, 2010. These subgroups include: English Language Learners, Special Education, Free/Reduced-price Lunch Eligibility, and Race/Ethnicity. NSSRS Validation provides many verification reports and lookup tools to verify accuracy of subgroup designations. Please contact the NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov) for assistance with NSSRS Validation reports and lookup tools.

REMINDERS

2010 Nebraska Data Conference

Contact: Bob Beecham (402-471-4740 or bob.beecham@nebraska.gov)

The 2010 Nebraska Data Conference is scheduled for May 17-18, 2010. The conference will begin on Monday, May 17 at 1:00 PM with a presentation by Commissioner Breed. The conference will wrap up mid-afternoon on Tuesday, May 18. We are now accepting registrations on the conference website at <http://nedatapartnership.org/>. Also, the following organizations will host post-conference users' group meetings from 2:30 to 5:00 on May 18.

- GoEduStar (phostetler@harriscomputer.com or 800-456-4685, ask for Pam)
- PowerSchool (dennis.campbell@pearson.com or 916-288-1646; james.swaney@pearson.com or 573-446-5869)
- Infinite Campus (mrivera@cicesp.com or 800-437-7457)
- JMC Software (sean@jmcinc.com or 800-524-8182 Ext. 2)
- Student Reporting System (srshelp@esu1.org or 402-471-1674)

ESEA/NCLB Nonpublic Participation Forms for 2010-11 (Due MAY 15)

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Nonpublic Consultation forms for Title IA and Titles IC–IV are due to the NDE Federal Programs Office by **May 15, 2010. As of May 12, 2010 only 31% of the Title I consultation forms have been submitted and 23% of the Titles IC-IV consultation forms have been submitted.** Information regarding the nonpublic participation consultation was emailed to all superintendents and those on the Title I listserv on Wednesday, April 7th. The Nonpublic Participation forms for Title I (NDE 04-012) and Titles IC-IV (NDE 34-014) are posted on both the NDE Federal Programs webpage: Non-Public Schools & NCLB (<http://www.nde.state.ne.us/federalprograms/nonpublicschlinfo.htm>) and the NDE Title I webpage: Nonpublic School Information (<http://www.nde.state.ne.us/federalprograms/TITLEI/nonpublicschoolinfo.htm>).